

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 7, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Kevin Cherry with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present. Craig Hawes was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2008 Council meeting. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. Recognition of Columbus Boomers 6th grade Basketball Team: Bob Moats, coach for the Columbus Boomers, spoke of the successes of the basketball team and told how the team won the championship in Fort Wayne. He thanked the community for their support. Each player introduced themselves.

Mayor Armstrong then introduced Jared Lebrun, a young man that called 911 on April 23, 2008 to report his mother was ill and was able to get the emergency medical people to his house with a positive result. Mayor Armstrong presented him with a plaque for his heroic act at such a young age.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.17, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 AND TITLE 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA ENTITLED ANIMALS.” Kevin Konetzka, Animal Control Manager, along with Animal Control Board Member Doug Evans presented the revised Ordinance amending Title 2 and Title 6 regarding animal control. Kevin indicated the revisions made on page 4 and page 8 of the Ordinance. He spoke of the public meetings held regarding these revisions and the tremendous time put into this effort by the Animal Control Board. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to amend the Ordinance as presented. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2008, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2008 (CUMMINS INC. PROJECT), AND THE LENDING

OF THE PROCEEDS THEROF TO CUMMINS INC. OR A DESIGNATED AFFILIATE AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO.” Scott Wilson, president of the Columbus Economic Development Commission and Mike Claytor with Crowe Chizek presented this Ordinance which has a revision in Section 12. The amended Ordinance was presented to council members at the meeting. Brief discussion followed. Joe Richardson moved to amend the Ordinance as presented. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “RS-4” (SINGLE- FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “RMc” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH CONDITIONS).” (Freeman Development) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, recapped the details of this Ordinance. He presented a power point presentation. Discussion followed primarily about the buffer and where the fence should be placed. Priscilla Scalf moved to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 20, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AP” (AGRICULTURE PREFERRED) TO “RS-3” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Coronado Development) Jeff Bergman recapped the details of this Ordinance. He presented a power point presentation. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.12, 2008, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RESOLUTION 11-2008 THE DECLARATION OF A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENTS AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT.” (Lindal North America) Jim Clouse, with Community Development and Jerry Miller, representative of Lindal North America, Inc., presented this Resolution. Jim Clouse asked Council to take final action and confirm that said real property Lot 19A known as 4775 Progress Drive be designated an Economic Revitalization area in the City of Columbus, Indiana. Discussion followed. It was noted that Exhibit “A” was not attached to this Resolution but was located and attached. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution with Exhibit “A” attached. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.13, 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PERVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE

6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Lindal North America) Jim Clouse along with Jerry Miller, representative for Lindal North America, presented this Resolution. Lindal North America, Inc. requested tax abatement on real property and personal property in conjunction with improvements to the building at 4775 Progress Drive to accommodate the installation and operation of new manufacturing equipment. Lindal North America, Inc. will be investing an estimated \$300,000 in real property improvements and \$20,000,000 in new manufacturing equipment. As a result, 11 new jobs will be created in 2008. Council Person Jesse Brand reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Lindal North America, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Resolution. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.14, 2008, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Columbus Airpark) Jeff Bergman began the presentation on this Resolution. He informed Council that at the April 2, 2008 Columbus Plan Commission meeting the applicant requested to rezone approximately 473 acres of non-aviation land at the airport from a wide variety of commercial, industrial, and public/semi-public facility zoning districts to PUD (Planned Unit Development). He indicated approximate 12 members of the public spoke at the Plan Commission on the matter. They expressed concern about the buffering for the People Trail and homes along the airport’s west property line. Another concern was the buffering for Northbrook homes from traffic noise on Poshard Drive and firing range noise. Also, there was a concern for general traffic conditions in the area. Jeff indicated this application was coming before the Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed. Rod Blasdell, Airport Manager, introduced Brooke Moore with HNTB Corporation a consulting company, hired by the Aviation Board to consult on this project. She then gave a power point presentation on the proposed Planned Unit Development. Her presentation included listings of the possible uses of the property. It was indicated at this time there is no planned unit development. Much discussion followed. Angie Miller, resident in the neighborhood, presented to Clerk Treasurer a petition from the residents regarding the concern as it relates to buffering and traffic. At least eight (8) people spoke on the concerns of buffering and traffic. Jim Pridgen, representing the Aviation Board, gave a brief background on the airport property and how it got to this stage of requesting a PUD. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.15, 2008, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE RIVERBOAT FUND TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND.” Oakel Hardy asked Council to make a one time transfer from Riverboat Fund to Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in order to make up for an anticipated shortfall for the year 2008. He explained this has been an ongoing issue for some time and that steps will be taken for the budget year 2009 and the future to insure this does not occur again. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.16, 2008, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE INTER-FUND LOANS.” Brenda Sullivan, Clerk Treasurer, asked Council to authorize her to move cash from one fund to another in order to avoid having to borrow money from a lending institution due to the fact that property tax settlement will be delayed for this year. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers moved to second the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The motion adjourned at approximately 8: 20 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer